



# Impact of the Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act

## Teaser

- At the beginning of 2021, the German government agreed on the introduction of a new law for human rights due diligence in supply chains (Sorgfaltspflichtengesetz). What changes should German companies expect regarding their procurement and production structures? How will this impact partner countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America? How will the forthcoming European regulation on mandatory due diligence be structured?
- Introductory remarks: Dr. Melanie Müller, Senior Associate Middle East and Afrika, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Research Division
- The government's proposal on mandatory due diligence: Anne-Kathrin Röthemeyer, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
- Views from businesses:
  - Africa: Jörg Wellmeyer, CEO, STRABAG International GmbH
  - Asia: Thomas Köning, Managing Partner/CEO, Ospig GmbH & Co. KG
  - Latin America: Hauke Will, Director Agricultural Production, Alfred Ritter GmbH
- Views from partner countries:
  - Africa: H.E. Thomas B. Amolo, Ambassador of Kenya
  - Asia: H.E. Md. Mosharraf Hossain Bhuiyan, Ambassador of Bangladesh
  - Latin America: H.E. Elmer Schialer, Ambassador of Peru
- Discussion

## Forum concept

A brief introduction from a think tank perspective will set the scene, before the government proposal for the due diligence in supply chains act is being introduced by a ministerial representative. After that, there will be a presentation of practical examples of German companies from different sectors that produce, provide services to or source primary products from countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Three Ambassadors from these regions will follow to present their perspectives and expectations regarding the impact of the law on local industries. Finally, there is room for discussion.

- Format: digital panel
- Schedule:
  - Greeting and welcome by Orlando Baquero, General Manager, Business Association for Latin America (LAV) (5 min)
  - Introductory remarks from a think tank perspective (5 min)
  - Presentation of the Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (10 min)
  - Practical examples and outlook by affected companies (20 min)
  - Comments from partner countries' perspectives by the invited Ambassadors from Africa, Asia and Latin America (25 min)

- Interactive discussion with the virtual audience, moderated by Almut Rößner, Executive Board Member, German Asia-Pacific Business Association's (OAV) (20 min)
- Conclusion by Christoph Kannengiesser, CEO, German-African Business Association (Afrika-Verein) (5 min)

## Target

- Target group: German companies that want to learn about the German Due Diligence in Supply Chains Act and about the planned European regulation on mandatory human rights due diligence, whose international sourcing is affected by the legislation, and who want to find out more about the possible consequences on local economies.
- Intended/ expected number of participants: 150-200.

## Time frame

- April 23rd 2021, 9.00 – 10.30 a.m.
- Digital format via Zoom
- Registration: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_IJintqeaQDCs9xiH1mGZHw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IJintqeaQDCs9xiH1mGZHw)
- Language: English